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Norman G. ANDERSON et al.) Group Art Unit: 1634
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For: DETECTION AND CHARACTERIZATION OF MICROORGANISMS

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

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Washington, D.C. 20231

In response to the final Office Action mailed January 10, 2002, please amend the subject application as follows.

In the Claims:

Amend claim 83 and 92 as follows.

83. (Four times amended) A method for determining a restriction enzyme map of a microorganism, wherein said method comprises the steps of:
(a) concentrating said microorganism which comprises the steps of:
(i) adding a sample containing said microorganism to an ultracentrifuge tube and
(ii) ultracentrifuging said sample in said ultracentrifuge tube to concentrate said microorganism, said ultracentrifuge tube comprising an upper region, a middle region and a lower region

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